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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF 707'S TO SAFAIR

REF: CAPE TOWN 473, STATE 11754

1. AS POSTS ARE AWARE SAA HAS ASKED BOEING TO SEEK COMMERCE PERMISSION TO TRANSFER TWO OLD 707'S TO THE SAAF SINCE THEY HAVE LITTLE RESALE VALUE AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN EMERGENCIES. WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE COMMERCE VIEW THAT IT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ITS IMPORT LICENSING REGULATIONS TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PROPOSED TRANSFER. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED TO COMMERCE THAT PERMISSION TO MAKE THIS PROPOSED TRANSFER BE DENIED ON ARMS EMBARGO GROUNDS. AWARE OF DEPARTMENT'S NEGATIVE VIEW ON PROPOSED TRANSFER TO SAAF, BOEING HAS ASKED ON A HYPOTHE-
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TICAL BASIS FOR DEPARTMENT'S POSITION IF SAA SHOULD PRO-

POSE TO TRANSFER 707'S TO SAFAIR.

2. WITHOUT RAISING SUBJECT WITH SAFAIR, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ITS VIEWS WHETHER SAFAIR COULD UTILIZE TWO 707'S FOR COMMERCIAL PASSENGER-CARGO PURPOSES OR WHETHER IT MORE LIKELY THAT MILITARY CARGO AND PASSENGERS WOULD BE CARRIED ON CONTRACT BASIS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER SAFAIR IS PERMITTED TO CARRY PASSENGERS IN COMPETITION WITH SAA. WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER SAFAIR HAS SUFFICIENT COMMERCIAL AIR CARGO BUSINESS TO UTILIZE 707'S AS

CARRIERS PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SAFAIR HAS ALREADY PURCHASED 16 L-100'S. KISSINGER

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